

World Health Organization

Committee Description



READ TO DISCOVER:

1. What global issues does the World Health Organization respond to?
2. What is the mission of the World Health organization?
3. Who are members of the WHO and who runs the daily activity of the organization?

The World Health Organization (WHO) is the committee of the United Nations' system that organizes and manages issues on international health. WHO's Constitution was created on April 7, 1948, a date we now celebrate as World Health Day. This organization is composed of 193 countries and two associate members that meet every year at the World Health Assembly in Geneva to create standards and health guidelines for countries. WHO addresses public health issues and supports and encourages health research. Their work is carried out by the 34-member Executive Board, and through WHO, countries, in cooperation, can fight global health problems and improve citizens' welfare and health.¹

In the 21st century, health is the responsibility of all, and we must all take part in promoting health care and equal access to vaccinations in order to prevent international health threats and epidemics. WHO, UNICEF Supply Division, and the PAHO Revolving FUND are three organizations that work closely in order to develop vaccine policies and standards.²



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WHO works to save lives through relief and restoration and relies on international cooperation to achieve their goals of reducing the spread of pandemics globally, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, and Tuberculosis. WHO works to guarantee that health care is provided to all citizens of the world in order to ensure their well-being.

¹ http://www.who.int/about/brochure_en.pdf

² http://www.who.int/immunization_supply/en/

